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logus Plantarum Horti Academici et Agri Goettingensis, we found that the genus was adopted on page 85. He credits the genus to Haller and gives *Serapias* and *Ophrys* Linn. as synonyms. He then gave a generic diagnosis of four lines and on the following page divides the genus into two subgenera: (1) *Helleborine* and (2) *Ophrys*. The first must be regarded as the typical *Epipactis* and the first species under this subgenus is:

"*Epipactis* (*Helleborine*) *floribus obsoleteca rneis, raris, labello obtuso*, Hall. Enum. Helo. 275," and under this is given as a synonym *Serapias* Linn. Sp. 1.

The first species of Linnaeus' Species Plantarum is *Serapias Helleborine* L., the type being the same as that of *Epipactis* Adans. Mr. Eaton's fifty-one new combinations have to pass into synonymy, and the publication of the same was a waste of time and paper.

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NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE TORREY CLUB

The recent death of Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, who was an honorary member of the Torrey Botanical Club, has served to call the attention of the active members to the matter of honorary membership. It was at the meeting held February 9, 1886, that a constitutional amendment was adopted providing that "Honorary members may be chosen from botanists who have distinguished themselves by valuable original investigations, and shall be limited in number to five." At the meeting of March 9, 1886, Asa Gray was elected to honorary membership, and was the only member of this class until his death, January 30, 1888. Upon the death of Dr. Gray, the Club remained without an honorary member for more than a year.

At the meeting of April 24, 1889, five honorary members were elected, the full number authorized by the constitution. These were: Henri Baillon, Alphonse de Candolle, Joseph D. Hooker, Carl J. Maximowicz, and Julius Sachs. Maximowicz died in February, 1891, and at the meeting of April 29, 1891, Eduard Regel was elected to fill the vacancy; Regel died a year later.

No list of the entire membership of the Club, including honorary members, has been printed since May, 1889; but an examination of the minutes has not revealed the election of any new honorary member since the death of Regel in April, 1892. De Candolle died in April, 1893; Baillon in July, 1895; Sachs in May, 1897; it would appear, therefore, that unless some election has been overlooked, Sir Joseph Hooker was the only honorary member of the Torrey Botanical Club from May, 1897, until his recent death. A much more thorough search of the Club's minutes, however, would be desirable before proceeding to the election of new honorary members upon the supposition that there are now none.

J. H. BARNHART.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

JANUARY 31, 1912

The meeting of January 31, 1912, was held in the Museum Building of the New York Botanical Garden at 3:30 P.M., Vice-President Barnhart presiding. Twenty-five persons were present.

The minutes of the meetings of November 29, 1911, and January 9, 1912, were read and approved.

Dr. Marshall A. Howe, chairman of the auditing committee reported that the committee had examined the books of the treasurer and found them to be correct. The following report of the budget committee was then presented and approved.

Estimated Income

Members' dues	$1,035.00
Sustaining members' dues	225.00
Subscriptions, *Bulletin*	700.00
Subscriptions, TORREYA	115.00
Subscriptions, *Memoirs*	150.00
Subscriptions, *Index cards*	200.00
Advertisements	100.00
Sundry items	25.00
Total	$2,550.00